

Report of Operative C.Morgan

Sept. 25th, 1926

Re: BATTLE

Operative went to #344 Snyder St. and found this house empty. Spoke to Miss Mary Kelly, a white woman, at 346 Snyder St, who told me that colored people lived in that house some time ago, but she did not know their names. Operative asked her who owned the house and she said a Mrs. Heary, who lives on Somerset Street somplace owns it.

Operative then located Mrs. Heary at 133 Somerset St. and spoke to a young lady who advised that I would have to return later in the day and speak to Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Heary's daughter.

Operative then went to 112 Lee Ave. and spoke to a white woman who has a grocery store there, and who informed me that she did not know any colored people in the neighborhood by the name of Battle or Mernier.

Operative went to 106 Lee Ave. and spoke to a colored man who stated that he knew the Merniers who lived on Remson Ave., but moved away 6 or 7 years ago.

Operative then went to 88 Lee Ave. and interviewed 3 different colored persons but none of them knew anybody named Battle or Mernier.

Then went to #288 Snyder St. and found this to be an empty lot. Spoke to Mrs. O'Donnell, who has a grocery store at 284 Snyder St., who informed me that Mrs. Battle lived at 288 Snyder St. with her mother and a young girl who was called Pauline, and that they were only there about 8 or 9 weeks when Mrs. Battle was sent to the State Hospital in 1921 and that the house burned down over two years ago. She also stated that the young girl went to New Brunswick High School and right after Mrs. Battle's trouble they moved to Plainfield. Mrs. O'Donnell stated that she has some school books around that belong to Pauline.

Respectfully submitted:

C.M.